



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Fran Naughton:

Hi Fellow Artists,

Now that the holidays are over, we can concentrate more on our creative pursuits, so dig out your stuff and start creating.

For some inspiration, take a class at the Villages Art Center or Enrichment Academy, watch a YouTube video, or open one of those reference books sitting on your shelf. Most of us are fortunate that we have the time and materials to do this.

Last month's Member-to-Member sharing was wonderful. Our members are incredibly creative and in a myriad of mediums. I love the diversity.

We still are looking for a chair for the demos. Phyllis left lots of material and info and some spots are already filled for the year. Please consider doing this job for the club because everyone loves the demos and we'd hate to not have them.

See you at the meeting on February 7th, 9:00 am at Saddlebrook. Until then, take care.

Fran and Jeanne



2022 VAL Co-Presidents
Fran Naughton & Jeanne Willette



2022 VAL Officers: Secretary Marilyn Wright; Co-Presidents Fran & Jeanne; VP Eileen Sklon; Treasurer Gail Parker



VAL meeting - January 3, 2022

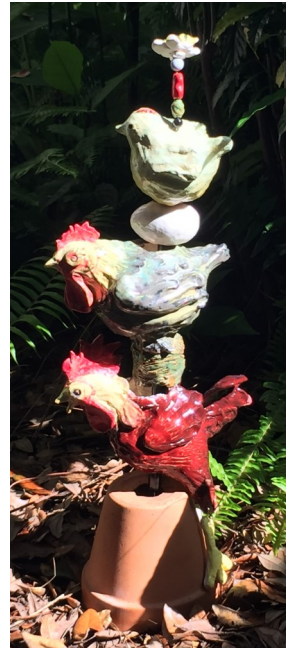
Artist of the Month—Diane Andrus



I have been doing art for a long, long time. I was always the class artist in school. I majored in art education, then later went back for a degree in graphic design. I worked in publishing for a while and drifted into picture framing. I framed art for about 35 years. I did a lot of the framing in the Eisenhower Center- a great honor.

Always kept painting during these years, watercolors and pet portraits. I have a panel in the Rohan Center and an acrylic in

Fenney Rec. The last few years I have gone back to clay sculpture; channeling my inner, kindergarten-plasticine-pounding, soul. Animals have always been my favorites.



Edmund Kyttle, January Artist of the Month
January 2022

Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto:

- ◇ Sympathy card to Penny Brady for loss of her husband.
- ◇ Get well card to Josie Vogel for recovery from surgery.
- ◇ Get well card to Lois Dowd for recovery from surgery.
- ◇ Encouragement card to Brian Dickson.

Program—Dariel Dodge-Diestelkamp



This presentation will mainly focus on two tools. Photoshop/Photoshop Elements and Spoonflower. As time permits, I will try to cover some extra techniques.

The discussion will cover how to prepare your photos to send to Spoonflower (an online service that will print your photos on fabric). Photoshop

Elements and Photoshop are just 2 programs that can be used to size and prepare your photos. We will be discussing resolution, cropping, darkening, lightening, layers and manipulation.



I have always been passionate about many art forms. I have a BA in Art and Photography and have worked in multiple fields including photo lab tech, school photographer, graphic designer, and IT tech. My artistic career started in the field of Photography. Later, my creative urges lead me to quilting and fiber art. Much of my art has combined my photography and fiber art.



Preserving our photo genealogy has become an important emphasis in my life. My focus expanded having realized the significance of the fact that I possessed all the family photographs and both my Mom and Dad's lineage had come to an end. Understanding the photos and my stories are my gift to future generations. Sharing my passion of saving our photo heritage with others gives me the joy of preserving a piece of our personal history.

I continue to look for ways to express my creativity, education and passion with my favorite art forms.



Congratulations Artists!

Winning ribbons in **VAA's Winter 2022 La Galleria Exhibit** (for fine art) are: First place-Vivian Haberfeld, Second-Victoria Peterson, Third-Susie Schreiber; Awards of Merit-Peggy Lefebvre and Jeanne Willette; Honorable Mentions-Iris Kaplin (fine art) and Maureen Terrien (photography). Frank Zampardi was the judge.

People's Choice winners on **January 9 at ARTS in Spanish Springs** are: First place-Betty Eich (photography), Second-Alice Blanco (watercolor), Third-Karyn Zais (mixed media).



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Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at the Saddlebrook Rec Center.

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Art League Places to Exhibit in 2022

- ♦ **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is judged and ribbons awarded. Exhibit dates for 2022 are: Jan. 10, Mar. 14, May 9, July 11, Sept. 12 and Nov. 14
- ♦ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit from September 10 to December 10.
- ♦ **Summer Art Festival** on July 9 at Lake Miona Rec Center. The **Fall Art Show** on October 22 at Eisenhower Rec Center. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.